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Tell probers how U.S. got goods on Billy

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Washington (News Bureau)—The special Senate panel investigating Billy Carter went into closed session today to hear from intelligence experts about how the government learned of Billy's business deals with Libya and whether the Justice Department handled the information properly.

William Miller, the staff director of the Senate Intelligence Committee, briefed the Billy probers about information handed over to his committee by the White House and the Justice Department. The intelligence data was not given directly to the special Senate subcommittee probing Billy because it is classified and because such information only goes to Capitol Hill through congressional intelligence panels.

Two key pieces of evidence on Billy's dealings with the Libyans were picked up by U.S. intelligence agencies, and it was their disclosure that prompted Billy to register as a paid foreign agent for the radical Arab nation.

In late March this year, Billy's closest friend and business associate, Henry R. Coleman, was in Libya negotiating for a \$500,000 loan for Billy and for a 100,000-barrel-a-day oil deal that could net the First Brother and his friends handsome commissions.

COLEMAN SENT an international telex to Billy from Tripoli describing how the oil negotiations were going, and this was picked up by American intelligence operatives. On March 31, CIA director Stansfield Turner told national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski that Billy was trying to set up an agreement between the Libyans and an American firm, the Charter Oil Company.

Brzezinski phoned Billy with the warning that he should not embarrass the President or the administration by continuing his negotiations, but Billy told the committee last week that he advised Brzezinski to "mind his own business."

Within the next few weeks, electronic intercept operations of a supersecret American intelligence agency picked up more evidence that Billy was trying to get a "loan" from the Libyans. The intelligence agency chief took the information directly to Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti in mid-April.